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SUBJ: GOT RESTRICTION ON US MILITARY ACTIVITIES;

TEXT OF NEW CUSTOMS CIRCULAR

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CUSTOMS CIRCULAR GIVEN TO EMBASSY

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AUGUST 8:

BEGIN TEXT

CUSTOMS CIRCULAR

THE PRINCIPLES WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORT/EXPORT  
TO/FROM TURKEY OF ALL U.S. MILITARY MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT,  
SUPPLIES AND GOODS (TO BE CALLED "U.S. SUPPORT CARGO"  
HEREINAFTER) BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE ENTRY/EXIT OF THE U.S. SUPPORT CARGO IS  
SUBJECT TO THE TURKISH REGULATIONS AND TO THE "AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY REGARDING  
THE STATUS OF THEIR FORCES" (NATO/SOFA) OF JUNE 19, 1951.  
2) THE ENTRY/EXIT OF INBOUND/OUTBOUND SUPPORT  
CARGO TO/FROM TURKEY BY THE UNITED STATES SHIPS AND  
AIRCRAFT WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE FOLLOWING SEA AND  
AIRPORTS:  
SEA PORTS  
ISTANBUL  
YUMURTALIK  
ISKENDERUN

AIR PORTS  
ESENBOGA  
INCIRLIK  
YESILKOY

3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES OF  
NATO/SOFA:  
A) U.S. FORCE MAY IMPORT FREE OF DUTY REASONABLE QUANTITIES  
OF PROVISIONS, SUPPLIES AND OTHER GOODS FOR ITS EXCLUSIVE  
USE. ONLY FOOD STUFF, NOT AVAILABLE IN TURKEY, MAY BE  
IMPORTED. HOWEVER, THE NECESSARY QUALITY REQUIREMENTS  
WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
LISTS COVERING THE THREE OR SIX MONTH REQUIREMENTS OF  
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS OF U.S. FORCE, SHALL BE  
SUBMITTED THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE TO TURKISH CUSTOMS  
AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE COMPETENT TURKISH AUTHORITIES  
TO DETERMINE THE LIMITS OF REASONABLE QUANTITIES. THE  
IMPORTATION OF SUCH GOODS SHALL BE LIMITED TO PERMITTED  
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QUANTITIES.

THE DECISION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD  
TO THE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH OF  
THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT AND DEPENDENTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED  
AT A LATER STAGE.

AS IT WAS COMMUNICATED IN THE GOVERNMENTAL NOTE OF

JULY 25, 1975 AND ITS ENCLOSURE PROVISIONAL STATUS (ARTICLE 4), THE IMPORTATION, UNDER ARTICLE XI, PARAGRAPH 4 OF NATO/SOFA, OF PROVISIONS AND OTHER ARTICLES AND GOODS REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIAL MILITARY AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS POST EXCHANGES, COMMIS-SARIES AND OFFICERS CLUBS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED, SINCE THE AGREEMENT OF JUNE 23, 1954 RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR FORCES" RATIFIED BY LAW NO. 6427 HAS NO MORE BINDING EFFECT ON TURKEY. CONSEQUENTLY, POST EXCHANGES OUTSIDE THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED. HOWEVER, SHOPS MAY BE OPENED WITHIN THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS WITH A VIEW TO DISTRIBUTING TOBACCO, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, AS WELL AS OTHER GOODS, THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH. HOUSEHOLD GOODS, NAMELY RADIOS AND TAPE RECORDERS WHICH MAY BE IMPORTED BY THE U.S. FORCE AND CIVILIAN COMPONENT UPON THEIR ENTRY INTO TURKEY, WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS ENVISAGED BY TURKISH CUSTOMS LAW, SHALL NOT BE SOLD AT THESE SHOPS.

B) A MEMBER OF A U.S. FORCE OR CIVILIAN COMPONENT MAY, AT THE TIME OF HIS FIRST ARRIVAL TO TAKE UP SERVICE IN TURKEY OR AT THE TIME FOR THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF ANY DEPENDENT TO JOIN HIM, IMPORT HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND FURNITURE FREE OF DUTY FOR THE TERM OF SUCH SERVICE. IN THIS RESPECT, TIME-LIMIT SET FORTH BY THE TURKISH CUSTOMS LAW SHALL BE OBSERVED.

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C) MEMBERS OF A U.S. FORCE OR CIVILIAN COMPONENT MAY IMPORT TEMPORARILY FREE OF DUTY THEIR PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. (THERE IS NO OBLIGATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH TO GRANT EXEMPTION FROM TAXES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF THE USE OF ROADS BY PRIVATE VEHICLES.) IN THIS RESPECT, TIME-LIMIT SET FORTH BY THE TURKISH CUSTOMS LAW SHALL BE OBSERVED.

D) GOODS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPORTED DUTY-FREE UNDER PARAGRAPHS 2(B), 4,5 OR 6 OF ARTICLE XI OF NATO/SOFA:

I) MAY BE RE-EXPORTED FREELY PROVIDED THAT, IN THE CASE OF GOODS IMPORTED UNDER PARAGRAPH 4, A CERTIFICATE, ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT

PARAGRAPH, IS PRESENTED TO THE CUSTOMS OFFICE:  
THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER, MAY VERIFY THAT  
GOODS RE-EXPORTED ARE AS DESCRIBED IN THE CERTI-  
FICATE, IF ANY, AND HAVE IN FACT BEEN IMPORTED  
UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 2(B), 4,5  
OR 6 AS THE CASE MAY BE;  
II) SHALL NOT NORMALLY BE DISPOSED OF IN  
TURKEY BY WAY OF EITHER SALE OR GIFT: HOWEVER,  
IN PARTICULAR CASES SUCH DISPOSAL MAY BE AUTHO-  
RIZED ON CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE AUTHORITIES  
CONCERNED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
TURKEY (FOR INSTANCE, ON PAYMENT OF DUTY AND TAX  
AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
CONTROLS OF TRADE AND EXCHANGE).

E) GOODS PURCHASED IN TURKEY SHALL BE EXPORTED  
THEREFROM ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS  
IN FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

F) SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY SO THAT  
FUEL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS FOR USE IN SERVICE  
VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS OF U.S. FORCE OR  
CIVILIAN COMPONENT, MAY BE DELIVERED FREE OF ALL  
DUTIES AND TAXES.

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G) IN PARAGRAPHS 1-10 OF ARTICLE XI OF NATO/SOFA:  
"DUTY" MEANS CUSTOMS DUTIES AND ALL OTHER DUTIES  
AND TAXES PAYABLE ON IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION,  
AS THE CASE MAY BE, EXCEPT DUES AND TAXES WHICH ARE  
NO MORE THAN CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

4) IN PURSUANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL NOTE OF JULY 25, 1975  
AND ITS ENCLOSURE PROVISIONAL STATUS, THE IMPORTATION AND  
EXPORTATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR  
PERMISSION OF THE COMPETENT TURKISH AUTHORITIES (TURKISH GENERAL  
STAFF:

A) MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR  
THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS,  
SECURITY, LIGHTING, HEATING, OFFICES, QUARTER  
MASTER, ORDNANCE, HEALTH AND RELATED CONSTRUCTIONS  
NOT RELATED TO THE SUSPENDED MISSION OF THE INSTAL-  
LATIONS

B) MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, ARMS AND AMMUNITION, SPARE  
PARTS AND OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR U.S. FORCES  
STATIONED IN INCIRLIK AS WELL AS FOR THE COMMUNI-

CATIONS SYSTEMS OPERATING IN TURKEY. (ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE MEANT ONLY FOR INCIRLIK)

C) ALL SUPPLIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO ITS OWN REGULATIONS FOR THE PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION OF U.S. FORCE AND CIVILIAN COMPONENT.

5) IN PURSUANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL NOTE OF JULY 25, 1975 AND ITS ENCLOSURE PROVISIONAL STATUS, THE IMPORTATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED:

A) MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SPARE PARTS REQUIRED FOR THE SUSPENDED MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTALLATIONS.

B) ARMS AND ALL KINDS OF AMMUNITION TO BE USED IN THE INSTALLATIONS, THE ACTIVITIES OF WHICH ARE SUSPENDED AND IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

C) PARCEL SHIPMENT TO/FROM TURKEY THROUGH APO SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1975.

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6) THE EXPORTATION OF ALL KINDS OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES IMPORTED UPON PERMISSION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (TURKISH GENERAL STAFF) AS WELL AS OF OTHER SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, ARMS AND AMMUNITION APPEARING IN THE INVENTORIES OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND, INCOUNTRY DISTRIBUTION OF ALL KINDS OF MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND OTHER SUPPLIES BETWEEN THE INSTALLATIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR PERMISSION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (TURKISH GENERAL STAFF). END TEXT. MACOMBER

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